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SUBJECT: ARREST OF CONGEN ETHIOPIAN EMPLOYEE

1. APPROX 2:30 P.M. LOCAL 24 FEB, HAGOS BERHE, GSO ASST, WAS TAKEN FROM CONGEN VEHICLE WHILE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS, BY FOUR ARMED MEN. BOTH HAGOS AND THE DRIVER, FITAU TECLEZGHI, WERE BEATEN AT THE SCENE. HAGOS WAS ABDUCTED AND FITAU TOLD TO GET IN CONGEN VEHICLE AND DRIVE AWAY. INCIDENT OCCURRED WHILE HAGOS DELIVERING LETTER TO NIGHT GUARD OF GSO RESIDENCE. RESIDENCE LOCATED WITHIN 50 YDS OF CONGEN FRONT ENTRANCE AND ENTRANCE TO ETH NAVY HDQ ON TRACT A.

2. AT NOON ON 24 FEB HAGOS REPORTED SEEING CMDR SEIFE, ADM OFFICER AT NAVAL HDQ FOLLOWING HIM. CMDR SEIFE HAD WORDS WITH HAGOS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO OVER DISPOSITION OF EXCESS KAGNEW FURNITURE. BASED ON LOCATION OF INCIDENT AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAGOS AND CMDR SEIFE, CONGEN AND DEPUTY PROCEEDED TO TRACT A TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH CMDR KIFLE, OIC NAVAL HDQ. CMDR KIFLE ASSURED US NAVY PERSONNEL WERE NOT RESPONSIBLE BUT THOUGHT THAT SECURITY DEPT MAY BE. CMDR KIFLE CALLED CMDR SEIFE INTO THE OFFICE WHILE UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT COL SHEMELIS, DIRGEN, SEC AND IMM DEPT.

3. UPON RETURN TO HIS OFFICE CONGEN CONTACTED FIT SOLOMON TECLE,
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VICE MIN, MOFA ABOUT INCIDENT, AND DEPUTY TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY

TO CONTACT COL SHEMELIS. MORNING OF 25 FEB, FIT SOLOMON TOLD
CONGEN THAT GEN GETACHEW NADOW, MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR, ADVISED
HIM THAT HAGOS WAS BEING HELD BY SEC AND IMM DEPT AND THAT THE
CHARGE AGAINST HIM WAS NOT KNOWN.

4. BELEIVE EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE OFFICIAL PROTEST TO PMG WITH
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